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**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 09/17/2003

**To:** Criminal Investigative

**Attn:** Public Corruption Unit

**From:** Boston

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**Contact:** SA

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**Case ID #:** 194B-BS-90361 (Closed) - 12

**Title:** Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor, City of Boston et al  
CSLPO  
Boston

**Synopsis:** Public corruption case closed at Boston Division.

**Enclosures:** One (1) original and one (1) copy of LHM dated 9/17/03.

**Details:** Boston Division has closed the above titled public corruption case. Enclosed for PCU review is the closing LHM.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, MA 02108  
September 17, 2003

Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor, City of Boston  
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials

This case has been closed. The case was predicated upon information from the Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]. The conversation was part of the televised program "24/7" which aired the evening of June 11, 2002. In the segment in question, the Mayor threatened the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donated \$25,000 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [redacted] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts.

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On June 11, 2002, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, stated the case had prosecutive merit. The United States Attorneys Office advised that if the apparent facts were shown to be true to case would be prosecuted.

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Investigation was initiated, interview conducted, and documents obtained. Documents reviewed included City of Boston contracts; Sprint Telecommunications contract with the City of Boston and AT&T contracts with the City of Boston. Upon review of the evidence available, AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution of this matter. This matter will be reopened should sufficient information be developed that substantiates the allegations regarding Mayor Menino.

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One Center Plaza  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-742-5533  
September 17, 2003

Attention: Michael J. Sullivan  
United States Attorney  
One Courthouse Way, Suite 9200  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Attention: [REDACTED]  
Assistant United States Attorney

RE: Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor, City of Boston  
[REDACTED], City of Boston  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Sprint  
Telecommunications (Victim)  
CSLPO

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Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] The purpose of this letter is to confirm AUSA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] decision to decline prosecution of an investigation  
concerning the allegation that captioned Mayor Menino and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were responsible for the attempted  
corruption of captioned victim, [REDACTED]

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AUSA [REDACTED] was advised of the following information  
regarding the above referenced investigation by Special Agent  
[REDACTED] on June 11, 2002. The case was predicated upon a  
Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the  
appropriateness of Mayor Menino's televised conversation with  
Sprint Telecommunications [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The  
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Investigation was initiated, interviews conducted and documents obtained and reviewed. Upon review of the evidence available AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution of this matter.

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Accordingly, no further investigation will be conducted by the FBI.

Sincerely,

KENNETH W. KAISER  
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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## FAX COVER SHEET

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To: [redacted] Special Agent  
Of: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
From: [redacted]  
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*Law Offices*

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July 10, 2002

**VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Special Agent, [REDACTED]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
One Center Plaza  
Suite 600  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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Re: Interview of [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] insofar as your interest is in speaking with him. I am prepared to meet with you and submit to an interview under appropriate conditions as soon as possible. Pursuant to our conversation, this interview will take place at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Thank you for your cooperation and professionalism.

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[REDACTED] AUSA  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

September 12, 2002

THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO

Captioned individual, who you advised was born December 27, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts, and holds SSAN: 023-32-0267, is the subject of an ongoing Corruption of State and Local Public Official investigation initiated in June 2002 by the FBI. Attached is a FBI memorandum and four newspaper articles which contains the results of this investigation.

FBI files, records of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

This communication has been cleared by the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice.

Enclosures (5)



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Boston, MA 02108  
June 11, 2002

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Mayor, City of Boston;

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Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;  
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This case was predicated on a June 11, 2002 Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Thomas Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications' [redacted]. The conversation is part of the television program "24/7" which is scheduled to air the evening of June 11, 2002. In one segment of the program, the Mayor threatens the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donates \$ 25,000.00 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [redacted] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts. During the course of their conversation, Menino threatens to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT & T, a Sprint competitor, because AT & T is sponsoring a summer youth program while Sprint has done nothing. [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [redacted] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

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Appropriate investigation will be conducted. The investigation will require the obtaining of an unedited version of the television program "24/7". Additionally, the Boston Division intends to conduct interviews and conduct the appropriate investigation.

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The following biographical information is provided for Menino.

Name: Thomas M. Menino  
Address: 102 Chesterfield Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Date of Birth: 12/27/42  
Social Security Number: 023-32-0267

# lead group probe of 'corruption'

By Anthony Flint  
GLOBE STAFF

Community activists called for a federal investigation yesterday of "corruption" in the administration of Mayor Thomas M. Menino after learning of campaign contributions by individuals linked to a developer with a major project before city regulators.

The contributions were made last year in a process known as "bundling" by several individuals associated with Millennium Partners of New York, which is building a multi-use complex in Chinatown and proposing a 52-story tower and complex over the Massachusetts Turnpike at Massachusetts Avenue.

About \$10,000 in contributions flowed into Menino's campaign chest while Millennium had business before the city, according to a review of campaign records published yesterday in The Boston Herald. The Fenway Action Coalition, a group of residents opposed to the Millennium project over the turnpike and plans for a new Fenway Park as well, called on US Attorney Donald Stern to open an investigation.

"The chaotic transformation of Boston into a hodge-podge of massive structures, malls, and hotels is determined entirely on the basis of influence peddling," said Robert Folsa, a member of the group.

"It's all a matter of hiring Menino pals as consultants and plunking down bribes through sanctioned channels," said Peter Catalano, another member, who said Menino was engaging in "honest graft" and "crony capitalism."

Menino declined to be interviewed. But Peter Welsh, a top aide to Menino, dismissed the Fenway Action Coalition by saying, "There are more pages in their press release than people in their group."

Asked whether Menino could be a credible defender of resi-

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campaign contributions and still put developers through a rigorous process? Of course. We've done it in every project in this city. The mayor doesn't interfere in the process."

Menino is on record as being opposed to the 52-story tower over the turnpike as currently proposed, Welsh said.

Menino and his associates have ties to Millennium and other major developers, however. Connie Pastelnik, wife of Menino's top political adviser, Edward Messer, has been hired as a strategist for Millennium. Robert F. Walsh, the mayor's close friend and former director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, is in charge of the new Red Sox stadium project and has hired recently departed Menino aide Joseph Fisher.

Catalano said the combination of the campaign contributions and the "revolving door" of Menino associates working for developers warranted scrutiny by outside investigators.

With billions in real estate deals in the pipeline for Boston, Menino has been criticized by political opponents for being too pro-development. In recent weeks, however, he has sought to portray himself as on the side of worried residents, opposing "air rights" development over the

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# Fraud charges no obstacle

By JONATHAN WELLS  
MAGGIE WELLS  
and JACK MEYER

Vincent Marino's run of success as a preferred developer of suburban city land began while he was under the cloud of a federal indictment charging him with fraud in connection with a real estate project.

In the early 1970s, Marino's financial and legal prospects plummeted when his poor "suburban development" project — the 108-unit Dale Village mobile occupancy in Rosindale — nearly collapsed under the weight of a crisis of mortgage foreclosures.

To make matters worse, in 1974, Marino and five others involved in the Dale Village project were indicted on federal conspiracy and mail fraud charges.

The U.S. Attorney's Office accused Marino and the other defendants of defrauding Citicorp Mortgage Inc. of Missouri by disguising condominium buyers' second mortgages as down payments so they could qualify for loans.

The "fictitious" second mortgages were provided by two Marino companies, Acme Realty Trust and Acme Finance Corp., and allowed the buyers "to qualify for mortgages they otherwise would have been unable to obtain from the lender," the indictment charged.

Several City Hall sources said that Mayor Thomas M. Menino, when he was a city councilor, was instrumental in getting government approvals for Marino's Dale Village project. "Menino bent over backwards to get Marino the permits," said one source.

The Dale Village fraud case went to trial in January 1976, but ended abruptly on the third day of testimony when U.S. District Court Judge Joseph L. Tauro granted motions of acquittal for Marino and the other remaining defendants.

One juror recalled that the government's prosecutor, Nadine Pellegrini, appeared stunned when Tauro threw out the case after trial. Through a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Pellegrini refused to discuss the 5-year-old case.

While Marino was awaiting trial in the fall of 1975, one of his partners, Michael F. Menley, was selected by the Menino administration to receive the first 10 of the 17



PHOTOGRAPHED BY JONATHAN WELLS  
Vincent Marino walked away from his path in Rosindale. Sources say Mayor Thomas M. Menino helped Marino obtain permits for his Dale Village mobile occupancy, later at the center of a fraud indictment.

parcels of city land Marino and his associates would get over the next six years.

In May 1976, a few months after Marino was acquitted of mortgage fraud, the city sold the 10 parcels of land in Rosindale to Menley for \$10,000. Two months later, Menley sold the land for less than \$100 to a trust in the name of Marino's

wife, Elizabeth.

Over the next year, Marino built seven houses on the land which he sold for a total of more than \$1.1 million. His estimated profit on the deal exceeded \$300,000, according to documents reviewed by the Herald.

After that, Marino continued to be selected by the city to develop

its surplus lots and piled up profits of approximately \$2.5 million on the deals, records show.

The various trusts and limited partnerships Marino used to develop his city lots were all run out of the same second-floor office over his bar, the Rosindale Pub, on Washington Street in Rosindale.

That was also the place where Marino's Acme Trust, which failed on the mortgages that were the center of the 1974 indictment.

Linda Moffa, the now Acme Realty Trust, was later acquired with the Dale Village case. Moffa kept Marino employed as a consultant and Marino's campaign and the same street as the Hyde Park.

Another person indicted Marino in 1974 was Charles Robbins, a real estate broker who at the time was involved in the Dale Village

crisis. Robbins, 42, of Rosindale, was charged with organized crimes, according to records in federal court. He was charged with others in the drug charges when state police broke up an extortion and gambling ring in Rosindale's suburbs.

The police were soon by Norfolk County District Attorney William Keating, \$40,000 in cash and more pounds of marijuana, as well as quantities of wine, steroids and ecstasy.

Robbins' crime came up at trial in April, the federal judge, trial of former Boston police officer Michael F. Conroy.

William St. Croix, a lawyer and the son of William St. Croix, a former police officer, testified against Marino and described him as a "rascal" and a "scoundrel."

He said specifically he was a member of the "Wink Gang," St. Croix said of the

According to St. Croix, Marino paid him a total of \$100,000 for two criminal cases against him.

St. Croix said he did not know Marino.

Later, when Marino was charged with police surveillance, St. Croix tried to check his system hidden listening devices.

St. Croix played camera tapes around Marino's home "sweep" with a metal detector. When he showed Marino "bugs" he had found, he paid St. Croix \$20,000 for the tapes.

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# LOTS of PROFIT

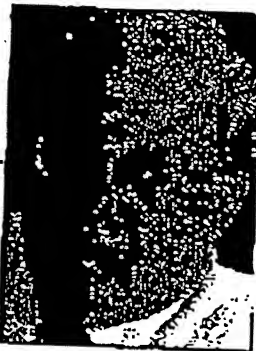
## Mayor's pal lands \$\$ in city property deals

BY JACK MEYERS, JONATHAN WELLS  
and MAGGIE MULVHILL

Part of two parts

A longtime confidant and fund-raiser of Mayor Thomas M. Menino has reaped millions of dollars in profit on a series of questionable deals involving vacant city-owned lots.

Over the past six years, that friend, Vincent C. Marino, has acquired 17 parcels of land put up for sale by the city, built six



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Vincent C. Marino arrives at one of the bars he owns — the Roslindale Pub on Washington Street in Roslindale.

STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN WISE/EVERETT

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**WILLIAM PRITCHARDSON**, developer of vacant Marina, left, and **Mary Thomas M. Marino**, right, have been friends since the 1970s. Marino has made millions buying and developing vacant city lots over the past six years. Developers competing with Marino to acquire city property, question the fairness of the bid process.

All of the bids were submitted on the same day in January 2001 and rejected by the city on the same

The case of 48-57 Fordy Road in Dorchester is typical. Refinery offered only \$5000 for land which had a minimum price of \$22,250. The winning bidder offered the city a buying price and was selected to develop the lot, but seven years later the lot has still not been sold. City officials said the disgruntled buyer did not meet their design standards.

After he retired from the flag, he continued on a social career as a bar owner and restaurateur. He purchased the Collyer Pub on Washington Street in 1945 and later moved and sold other properties.

Maria's holdings currently include more than \$5 billion worth of real estate in Massachusetts and Florida and also here — the Rosebode Pk and Rugby Gardens in Baltimore and the Clarendon in

"It was a project that Martino was working on. It would fly through without any problems," said one source who did not want to be identified.

Merino, Jr. also has been an avid fundraiser for Merino — a role he

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# bucks on city land deals

Neighborhood Development these days is a hot topic in Lowell, as to develop two small side-by-side lots on Dedham Street in Hyde Park.

Condon's proposal was to build 16 houses on the 16 lots. Edward P. O'Neill, president of Condon Development, told city officials that the site was not big enough for two houses, a neighborhood school, and the neighbors on Dedham Street.

Records show Condon Development took title to the lots in July, 1979. One of O'Neill's partners was involved immediately applying to get a property. In October, Marino and O'Neill's attorney contacted the city to buy a 10-foot-wide strip of land next to the city's water lot. O'Neill, the property would be big enough to build 16 houses, instead of one.

O'Neill said he had no idea that the city was actively pursuing his case. As for the parcels shortly after O'Neill bought them from the city. "I must have been working behind the scenes," O'Neill said.

On Aug. 28, 1979, 660 days after the city lawyer contacted DND and the parcels, city officials met with O'Neill threatening to take a lot away from him for failing to get construction within one year. As required by his purchase agreement. Within days, O'Neill is out of the city and Marino, along a small profit.

But city officials "offered me about \$500," said O'Neill, who initially met Marino down, but ended up taking the property in order to construct on another project in the future.

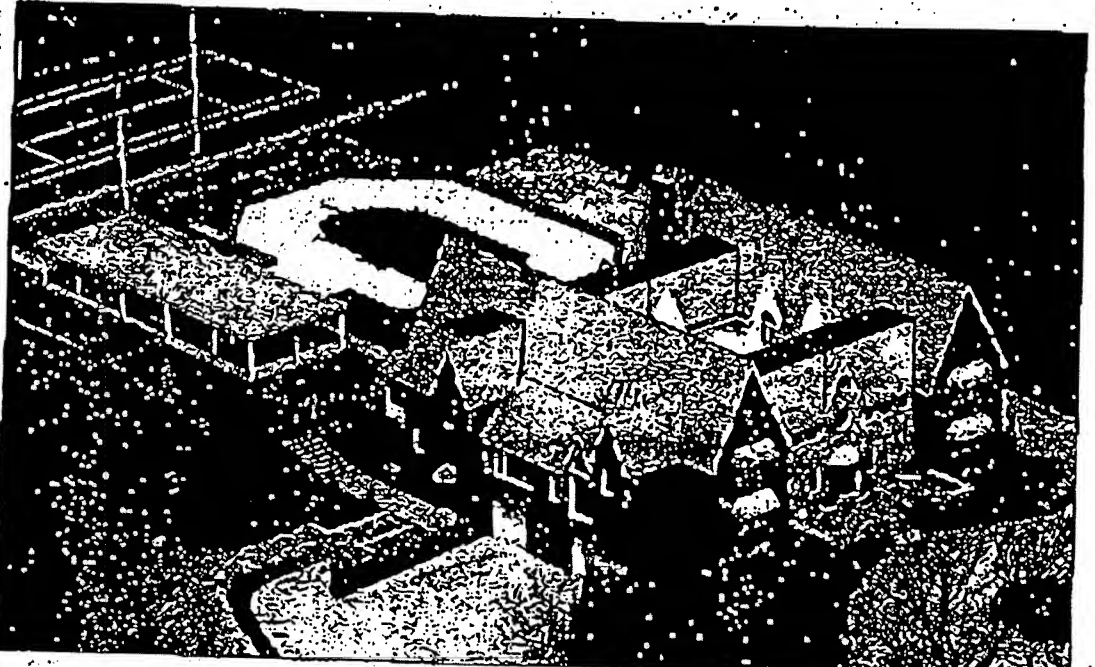
City officials said O'Neill also could only build one house on the property. "I was told the city couldn't build one house," O'Neill said.

The city's purchase charged, however, that Marino bought the lots from O'Neill. Even without adding a year of land, Marino got the 16-lot 10-foot-wide strip of land right to build two houses O'Neill was asked.

"That's a home run," he said. "I sold the two houses (together for \$100,000). O'Neill awarded 100,000 on that deal. That's a real win."

In October, DND offered a lot on Upton Street in Hyde Park for sale as a house site and a parking place at \$10,000. The city received three bids: \$12,500 from a Newton developer, \$10,000 from a Boston developer, and \$5,000 from Marino. The city chose Marino.

In addition, the city failed to con-



NEIGHBORHOOD: Developer Victor Marino's Dunbar home, above, is north east over 20 acres. The Hyannis Beach resident and longtime friend of Boston Mayor Thomas M. Marino moved to the full-time style villa in the early 1980s. PHOTO BY PHILIP WELSH FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

## Homes Sweet homes

Victor C. Marino, a confident of Mayor Thomas M. Marino, has found extremely well-paying property from the city, developing the land and then reselling it.

ADDRESS	# LOTS PURCHASED	\$ PER LOT TO CITY	# HOMES BUILT	SALE PRICE
Pleasant Road/ Green Avenue/ Cliffmont Street	10	\$50,000	7	\$1,100,000
15 Upton St.	1	\$5,000	1	\$12,500
99 Oak St.	1	\$2,500	2	\$5,000

Source: City and county records. Note: Marino's home is located on the 10-lot property.

Beaver Street was also put up for sale with no asking price of \$10,000. DND received four bids, the highest

because of that, the price offered for the lots was set on the criteria. A developer's standard utility use

documents included a zoning system for parking bidders in which points were awarded for meeting

Marley became the winning bidder, just a few weeks before the city decided to sell the land.

Two months after the city sold the lots to Marley for \$50,000, Marley transferred them to a trust headed by Marley's wife, Elizabeth, for a nominal sum. The deed states "less than \$10."

At the same time, the Marino-controlled trust bought a small building lot for \$10,000, then withdrew all the property lines and built seven homes, which were sold between 1987 and 1999 for \$125,000.

A controversy erupted in late 1998 over the city's sale of 99 Oak St. in Jamaica Plain to Marino and Marley.

Neighborhood leaders and housing groups protested that they were never told the lot was available for development, breaching a promise the Marino administration had made. They also said the city did not properly advertise the sale of the parcel, failing to put a legal notice in the community newspaper. Availability of the lot was advertised in the Herald and the South

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Marino, 35, appears at first blush to be no more than a popular former prizefighter

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# Mayor's pal has mobster ties back to 1960s

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whose many years as a restaurateur and developer in the southern neighborhoods of the city have earned him the unofficial title of "mayor of Roslindale."

But closer scrutiny of Marino's record over the last four decades reveals evidence of illegal activities and criminal associations that raise questions about his status as a close friend and fund-raiser to the mayor.

A Herald investigation found that Marino's ties to organized crime figures started with a loan-sharking conviction in the 1960s and continues today as state and federal authorities are targeting some of Marino's longtime associates in an ongoing investigation.

The most revealing evidence of Marino's place in Boston's criminal underworld was found in confidential documents drafted in 1975 by a special organized crime task force that identified Marino as an operative in the notorious Winter Hill Gang.

Marino served directly under the gang's boss at the time, Moxie Winter, according to the documents. Winter, a major crime boss until his imprisonment in 1979, was identified by investigators as "organized crime control" and Marino as "sub-control."

Marino and his Winter Hill crew operated out of his bar, Casa Beirut, on Washington Street in Roslindale, the documents state. The second-floor office above that bar, which is now called the Roslindale Pub, still serves as Marino's headquarters.

The Herald reported yesterday that Marino, who is a relative of the mayor's wife, has been remarkably successful in acquiring city-owned land since Marino became mayor in 1993.

Records show that in the last six years, Marino's purchase and redevelopment of 17 city-owned residential lots netted him and his partners an estimated \$2.5 million in profits.

And City Hall insiders said he...

They claimed the mayor's friend has received special treatment from city development agencies for years, dating back to Marino's 10-year stint as a district city councilor before he became mayor.

Marino and Marino's both acknowledged this work that they have had a long and close friendship, but denied it has played a role in Marino's string of profitable deals with City Hall.

## Ongoing probe

In April 2001, when state police investigators busted up a major gambling ring operating in Boston's southern neighborhoods, south suburbs and in Cape Cod, they arrested three of Marino's closest associates.

According to the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, the "person in charge" of the gambling network was Donald A. "Duke" Wells, 67, of Plymouth and Boynton Beach, Fla.

Willis has been identified by law enforcement as a major bookmaker since at least 1978 and his criminal record dates back to 1959, according to court records.

And Willis has been closely associated with Marino in the past, records show. The two men have been partners in at least three companies: Boston's Best Auto Rental, Boston's Best Auto Wholesale and Boston's Best Auto Center — which all had addresses on property owned by Marino in Hyde Park.

When state police investigators searched Willis' home in Plymouth, among the 10 items seized was a "typed letter by Vincent Marino, Boston Best Auto Center Inc.," according to the search warrant return.

Reached by telephone at his Florida home, Willis declined comment on the charges pending against him and his relationship with Marino.

Another longtime associate of Marino, Joseph J. "The Captain" Colucci, was charged in...

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CONNECTED: Joseph Colucci, left, and Richard J. Marino, right, were both involved in a gambling ring allegedly run by Vincent Marino associate Donald A. "Duke" Willis, according to police documents. Richard Marino, Vincent Marino's brother, was also identified in government documents as a Winter Hill Gang operative.

with Marino in 1966 of loan-sharking and on his own for illegal gambling twice in the 1970s, pleaded guilty in May 2000 to gambling charges stemming from his involvement in the ring allegedly run by Willis.

On March 31, 2000, one day before the state police raided his gaming office in West Roxbury and his home in Roslindale, Colucci was overheard on a police wiretap warning another bookie that there was "heat up the game," a reference to intense law enforcement activity, according to court papers.

Colucci was sentenced to one year of unsupervised probation and fined \$320,000.

Meanwhile, Colucci was identified as a Winter Hill Gang operative in the same 1975 organized crime documents which named Marino. Colucci was listed as an underling of Mickey Griffin, who was another organized crime "sub-control" reporting directly to

were generated by the Suffolk County Investigation and Prosecution Project (SCIPP), a federally funded task force set up in the 1970s to root out organized crime and public corruption.

"Joe Colucci is a known entity in the law enforcement community as a gaming guy," said one former detective who specialized in organized crime in the 1980s and 1990s.

Marino and Colucci also have been business partners. In 1976 they started a franchise business called Natural Eats, which started with one store in Kenmore Square and eventually expanded into other states.

Then, in 1979, Marino financed Colucci's attempted acquisition of a Park Square bar, which was eventually blocked by the Boston Licensing Board because of Colucci's criminal record.

Despite that record, Colucci has fared well of late before city and state licensing agencies. He was

Marino, also was involved in the Willis gambling ring according to a state police affidavit, but he was not charged.

A government wiretap on the telephone of the ring's day-to-day manager, George Chute, picked up a voice message on March 10, 2000, in which Chute told one of his underlings that he had "paperwork" from Richie Marino. Investigators explained that "paperwork" was a term used by members of the organization for betting records.

Richard Marino, 40, who was frequently seen by the Herald at his brother's Roslindale Pub during the last year, also was identified in SCIPP documents in 1975 as an operative in the Winter Hill Gang. Richard Marino and Colucci are currently next-door neighbors in Roslindale.

Richard Marino had at least one business with his brother, Vincent, in Florida called Boston's Best

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 08/30/2002

**To:** FBIHQ

**Attn:** Records Management  
RRDS/NNCPU/Rm 4973

**From:** Boston  
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**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

**Approved By:** [REDACTED] *[Signature]*

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED] *[Signature]*

**Case ID #:** 194B-BS-90361 (Pending)

**Title:** THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO  
WHITE HOUSE (WH)  
NAME CHECK REQUEST

**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed for FBI-HQ is an original and one copy of an LHM.

**Synopsis:** The Boston Division responds to Bureau EC dated 8/12/02.

**Details:** The Boston Division contacted AUSA [REDACTED] Boston, Mass. who recommends that the contents of the opening LHM is suitable for dissemination. Any mention of FGJ material has been removed.

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DATE 9/9/02

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: DEADLINE 08/20/2002

Date: 08/12/2002

✓ To: Boston

Attn: Squad C1

From: Records Management  
RRDS/NNCPU/Rm 4973

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361-5

Title: THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO  
WHITE HOUSE (WH)  
NAME CHECK REQUEST

**Synopsis:** The Bureau is in receipt of a name check request from the WH concerning Thomas Michael Menino, born December 27, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts, SSAN: 023-32-0267, and employed with the City of Boston. Menino is being considered for the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Per instructions from the Attorney General's Office, for the President, these checks are to be handled as soon as received.

**Administrative:** We are authorized to conduct name checks for federal executive branch agencies under MAOP, Part 2, Section 9, 9-2.4.

**Details:** Boston is directed to its case 194B-BS-90361 where Menino appears to be one of the subjects. As this investigation is pending, contact the U.S. Attorney for dissemination guidance from a prosecutive standpoint concerning Menino. Boston is requested to review its file and submit an EC and LHM suitable for dissemination to the WH, setting forth pertinent details of the investigation that can be disseminated and the USA's opinion, to the attention of [redacted] National Name Check Program Unit, Room 4973, FBIHQ. (Do not include Grand Jury 6(e) material or Bureau techniques in the LHM.)

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*8/12/02*

To: Boston From. Records Management  
Re: 194B-BS-90361, 08/12/2002

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AT BOSTON, MA

Boston is requested to review its file, contact the USA, and submit an EC and LHM suitable for dissemination to the WH, by August 20, 2002. The LHM should include identifying data (DPOB, SSAN, and ect.) regarding Menino. **YOU ARE REMINDED WE ARE UNDER A FIVE-DAY DEADLINE.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/17/2002

To: BOSTON

Attn: SAC

From: BOSTON

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Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Pending) - 3

Title: Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor, City of Boston

[REDACTED] City of Boston;  
[REDACTED] Sprint  
Telecommunications (Victim);  
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);  
CSLPO

Synopsis: Request opening of FGJ subfile and NC subfile.

Details: Writer request the opening of a Federal Grand Jury subfile and also a media subfile for captioned matter.

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**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 07/02/2002

**To:** BOSTON

**Attn:** SAC

**From:** BOSTON

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**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

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**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

**Drafted By:** MM [REDACTED]

**Case ID #:** 194B-BS-90361 (Pending) - 2

**Title:** Thomas M. Menino,  
Mayor, City of Boston;

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[REDACTED] City of Boston;  
[REDACTED] Sprint  
[REDACTED] Telecommunications (Victim);  
CSLPO  
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**Synopsis:** Request opening of sub files.

**Details:** It is requested that a Federal Grand Jury subfile (FGJ) and a newspaper clipping subfile (NC) be opened in captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/11/2002

To: FBI-HQ

Attn: PCU-CID

From: Boston  
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Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 194B-BS-70561 (Pending) — 1

Title: Thomas M. Menino,  
Mayor, City of Boston;

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] City of Boston;  
[REDACTED] Sprint  
Telecommunications (Victim);  
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);  
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;  
OO:BS

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBI-HQ is original and one copy of LHM.

Synopsis: New public corruption case opened in Boston Division.

Details: The writer requests that new public corruption case be opened in Boston Division. Enclosed is LHM for review.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, MA 02108  
June 11, 2002

Thomas M. Menino,  
Mayor, City of Boston;

[redacted]  
[redacted] City of Boston;

Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);  
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);  
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;  
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This case was predicated on a June 11, 2002 Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Thomas Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications' [redacted]. The conversation is part of the television program "24/7" which is scheduled to air the evening of June 11, 2002. In one segment of the program, the Mayor threatens the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donates \$ 25,000.00 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [redacted] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts. During the course of their conversation, Menino threatens to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT & T, a Sprint competitor, because AT & T is sponsoring a summer youth program while Sprint has done nothing. [redacted] the [redacted] is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [redacted] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

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Appropriate investigation will be conducted. The investigation will require the obtaining of an unedited version of the television program "24/7". Additionally, the Boston Division intends to conduct interviews and obtain grand jury testimony of appropriate witnesses. Moreover, the financial records of Sprint as well as the charity will be subpoenaed.

On June 11, 2002, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, stated that the case has prosecutive merit. The United States Attorney's Office stated that if the apparent facts are shown to be true the case will be prosecuted.

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**From:** Boston

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**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

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**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]

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**Case ID #:** 194B-BS-NEW (Pending)

**Title:** Thomas M. Menino,  
Mayor, City of Boston;

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[REDACTED] City of Boston;  
[REDACTED] Sprint  
Telecommunications (Victim);  
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);  
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;  
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